

TOLLS REPEAL DOMINATED BY GREAT BRITAIN?

Senator Jones Charges That President Wilson Was Forced to Request Congress to Act

MONROE DOCTRINE INVOLVED

Executive's Course Is Declared to Be the Price of Non-Interference in Mexico

Washington, March 18.—The broad charge that President Wilson determined to ask Congress to repeal the Panama tolls exemption as a consequence of his recent conference with Sir Lionel Carden, the British ambassador to Mexico, that the president's sanction was the culmination of negotiations with Great Britain for the preservation of the Monroe doctrine, threatened by the Mexican situation, was made in the Senate today by Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington. He was speaking on his pending resolution, calling on the president for full information on the tolls controversy.

"What is the foreign policy that required such humiliation, cowardly, craven action on our part?" the senator demanded.

Senator Jones intimated that the repeal of the tolls exemption was the price of non-interference in Mexico by other foreign powers.

Senator Jones asked the immediate consideration and passage of his resolution, but in a parliamentary wrangle between Holke Smith, Democrat, and Bristow, Republican, action was deferred until tomorrow.

Bowles Denies DeKnight Charge.
Former Rear Admiral Bowles, president of the Fore River Ship Building company, testified before the Senate today that he engaged Attorney DeKnight in connection with the Panama act which would exclude railroad owned ships from the canal, and not to work for the inclusion of the tolls exemption as DeKnight recently testified. Bowles put his correspondence with DeKnight in evidence.

WOMEN CANNOT WIN VOTE BY AMENDMENT DECLARES SEN. BORAH IN SPEECH.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—After a vigorous defense of woman suffrage in the Senate yesterday, Senator Borah of Idaho shocked suffrage advocates by declaring that it was impracticable and impossible to obtain the vote for women by a constitutional amendment. He predicted that after years of vain endeavor the women would renew their abandoned request for the ballot before the people of the states, because in seeking an amendment to the federal constitution they had loaded themselves down with the negro question, the Japanese question and a dozen other state right problems.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DECLARED ON BIRTH OF THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S SIXTH GRANDSON

Berlin, March 18.—The emperor today ordered a general school holiday in Berlin in celebration of the birth of his sixth grandson at Brunswick. The young duchess is the only daughter of the emperor.

Heir to Duke of Brunswick.
Brunswick, Germany, March 18.—The artillery fired a royal salute in honor of the birth of a son to the Duke and Duchess of Brunswick today.

NO OPPOSITION TO SHIVELY.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 18.—Many delegates have arrived in the city for the state convention of Indiana Democrats which is to meet here tomorrow to nominate a candidate for United States senator in compliance with the constitutional amendment providing for the direct election of United States senators. It is expected there will be no opposition to the renomination of Senator B. F. Shively.

NEW ISLAND IS FORMED.

Tokio, Japan, March 18.—A new island, 100 feet high and five miles in circumference was born in the Bonin group during the recent activity of the Fuji volcanic system. The Bonin group lies off the Japan coast due south of Yokohama.

GOULD IS WORLD'S CHAMPION.

Philadelphia, March 18.—Jay Gould, amateur court tennis champion, won the professional championship of the world today from George Covey of England. The American, in one of the finest exhibitions ever seen here, won the match by seven sets to one.

WILL IT COME TO THIS?



Why not send along native hucksters with the free foodstuff coming in from foreign countries under the new tariff law, thereby adding a picturesque touch to the program of reducing the high cost of living.

BIG BOOK SWINDLE NETTED \$5,000,000

"De Luxe" Fraud One of Most Gigantic Ever Perpetrated

Boston, Mass., March 18.—After dodging the law for more than two years four of the book swindlers who were indicted in 1912 for complicity in the alleged "de luxe" book frauds were placed on trial today in the Suffolk superior criminal court. Several of the prime movers in the "de luxe" book swindle have been convicted in New York and with the disposal of the cases now on trial the government believes that it will have put an end for all time to one of the most gigantic frauds ever perpetrated in America.

It is believed that the "de luxe" swindle netted its promoters more than \$5,000,000 within a few years. The fraud was first brought to the attention of the authorities in 1912, when a rich widow of Salt Lake City brought a civil action and obtained a verdict of nearly \$50,000 on alleged "rare" volumes which she had purchased from the promoters of the scheme. The disclosures made during the trial of this suit led to an investigation and subsequent indictments and arrests.

Worth Only Small Sum.

Book experts testified that the books sold by the gang were worth only one-fifth to one-tenth of the prices charged. The alleged fraud consisted in the deception of persons with more money than knowledge of books who wished to buy their libraries ready made. They were approached by representatives of the gang and informed that they could purchase some rare volumes exquisitely bound which would be a pride to any book collector, but must, of course, be prepared to pay a high price.

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STAY OF EXECUTION IS GRANTED TO HANS SCHMIDT.

New York, March 18.—Hans Schmidt, sentenced to die in the electric chair during the week beginning March 23, has been granted a stay of execution by filing a notice of appeal. The appeal is based on the claim that Anna Amulmier came to her death from the performance of an illegal operation.

DIES ON ANNIVERSARY.

Fond du Lac, Wis., March 18.—Mrs. Abbie Sweet, widow of Mayor Sweet, died today on the fifty-eighth anniversary of her arrival here as a bride. She was married at Dubuque, March 16, 1857. Her death was the result of a stroke of paralysis.

EMPLOYEES GET YEAR'S SALARY.

Pittsburgh, Pa., March 18.—The will of George Westinghouse was filed for probate today. No estimate of the value of the estate was made, but it is said to be about thirty-five million. The widow, a son and a brother are the principal beneficiaries. Certain personal, office and household employees were given a year's salary.

AUTO BANDIT TAKES \$150 FROM HOTEL, BUT LEAVES \$5,000 BEHIND.

Chicago, March 18.—While his companion guarded an automobile, a robber entered the Briggs House, shot and slightly wounded Assistant Manager Sturmer, took \$150 from the register and fled just as the night clerk who opened the safe was about to hand him the \$5,000 it contained. The bandits sped away in the machine at about sixty miles an hour.

BARONESS WHO AIDED SPAIN IN WAR IS DEAD

Berlin, March 18.—The recent death of Baroness Frederike Truchsess von Wetzhausen, an eccentric Bavarian aristocrat, recalls the assistance she rendered Spain during the war with the United States. She was of Spanish blood, and gave practical expression to her sympathy by a cash contribution of \$65,000 to the Spanish war effort. After the defeat of Spain she retired entirely from public notice, disappointed and embittered.

She is best remembered in Germany as an admirer of the unfortunate "Mad King," Ludwig II of Bavaria, and for the effort which she made to prevent him from being disposed of insane in 1886. She was living at Hohenheim, near the King's palace, when she learned that it had been decided to place him under restraint. During the night she went to the palace to warn the king. When refused admission, she raised such a tumult that she was finally allowed to see the king as the only means of quieting her. She prevailed upon her to leave the castle. She kept a warm place in her heart for the unfortunate monarch and until his death laid a wreath upon his tomb at every anniversary of his suicide.

LIFE CONVICT ESCAPES FROM JOLIET; BATTLE IS EXPECTED

Joliet, Ill., March 18.—Matthew Stariba, aged 28, a life convict, convicted for murder committed here, walked out of the penitentiary today and it is believed has concealed himself in the foreign quarter of the city where he was born. Every available man is searching for him, and a desperate battle is expected. He was a messenger for the deputy warden.

LAST OF KELLEY'S UNEMPLOYED ARMY DISAPPEARS TODAY.

Sacramento, March 18.—Seventy-five men, the last of the army of 1,800 unemployed camped in Yolo county, disappeared today. Fifteen leaders remain in jail.

GERMANY NOT READY FOR UNWRITTEN LAW

Consensus of Opinion Favors Impartial Trial in Courts

Berlin, March 18.—Germany is not yet ready to see the "unwritten law" become a feature of trials of husbands or wives for killing faithless partners. Press comment on the acquittal of Count Mielezinski, who slew his wife, and her nephew in the countess's bedroom, is sympathetic toward the count, but the acquittal is generally considered a miscarriage of justice. The Kronzeitung even makes it a text for advocating abolition of the jury system. It says also:

Honor Impelled Shooting.

"We can understand how the jurors felt themselves impelled to acquit if possible. From a purely humanitarian standpoint one can be glad that they did reach an acquittal. Count Mielezinski's holiest rights were transgressed against and his deed testifies to a feeling of honor and an earnest appreciation of the married relation which we could only wish prevailed everywhere among our people. But the basic principle of our justice, that the individual shall obtain his rights and revenge through the state, may not for this reason be abandoned."

Disapprove Latin Example.

The Tageszeitung also understands the feeling that prompted acquittal, but declares that it "would be a grave thing if this feeling prevailed or should come to prevail throughout our folk. Such acquittals are almost the rule in the Latin countries, especially in France, and it is a good indication of the sound moral sense of the Germans that the Latin example has very generally found our disapproval."

A conviction of Mielezinski, with a finding of extreme mitigating circumstances, would have permitted a sentence as low as six months in prison.

CHICAGO PACKERS DOMINATE ARGENTINE BEEF SHIPMENTS.

Washington, March 18.—How Argentina's beef industry, which sends nine million pounds of meat to the United States monthly under the new tariff, is dominated by the Chicago packing companies, which "do by far the major portion of the entire business," is described in the "Farmers' Bulletin" issued by the department of agriculture.

STRIKE RIOTING IN CANTON.

Canton, O., March 18.—There was rioting today when strikebreakers imported by the Novelty Iron company started in automobiles from the Barnett House for the plant. Twelve hundred strikers and sympathizers tried to pull the men from the machines. The effort was ineffectual.

DIXON IS RENOMINATED.

Columbus, Ind., March 18.—Congressman Lincoln Dixon was renominated by the Democrats of the Fourth Congressional district of Indiana, assembled in convention here today. Congressman Dixon is now serving his fifth consecutive term in the House.

SAY POSITION HELD BY VILLA IS PRECARIOUS

Federals Claimed He Has Met Defeat at Two Places and Is Hard Pressed

NO AUTHENTIC INFORMATION

Raid by Mexican Bandits and the Killing of an American Are Reported

El Paso, Texas, March 18.—Thousands whose fortunes are locked up in the military and political developments in Mexico today awaited authentic information of the reported battle north of Torreon. In the last twenty-four hours exactly fifteen words of a press dispatch have seeped through the censor over the single wire connecting Juarez with the war zone.

Federal agents claim that Villa suddenly came upon the enemy one hundred miles north of where he expected them and was defeated at Escalon, on the main line of the railway, and at Rosario. If the claims of the federals are correct, Villa had to do battle for his life and is still in a precarious position with the enemy in front and another threatening to occupy the rear.

No Reference to Battle.

Washington, March 18.—No reference to the pending battle at Torreon is contained in dispatches to the state department. Over eight dispatches are summarized as follows:

"Release of Andrew Hamilton, arrested with Hyrd and Goldsmith, reported, other two thought to be transferred to Mexico City on the



VILLA, REBEL LEADER.

charge of furnishing aid to the rebels. "The federals are in possession of Manacosta. In fighting there, two of three Americans with the Carranza forces were killed."

Mexicans Kill An American.

Juarez, March 18.—Consul Edwards has advised that the property of the Madera company, Limited, at Pearson, Chihuahua, was raided yesterday and a large quantity of merchandise seized by bandits under Manuel Gutierrez. The raid followed closely on the murder of Oscar Allen, an American, employed as watchman by the company.

Federals Leave For Matamoros.

Mexico City, March 18.—Fifteen hundred federal troops with a large equipment, including ten armored automobiles, left here today to join the campaign against the rebels at Matamoros, opposite Brownsville, Texas. The war office has no confirmation of the reported fighting at Escalon, state of Chihuahua.

May Confer With Lind.

Mexico City, March 18.—The departure for Vera Cruz today of Foreign Minister Rojas and family gave rise to rumors that he intended to confer with John Lind. It is stated his stay will be brief.

Philadelphia hopes parcel post business will force erection of a new post office.

GOV. GLYNN'S FARM PLAN FOR UNEMPLOYED IS NOT A BIG SUCCESS.

Fondo, N. Y., March 18.—Of the first installment of seventy, who came here under the plan of Governor Glynn to place New York City's workless on farms, only twenty accepted employment, though farmers offered \$20 and \$25 a month, the wages generally paid. A tailor who had never seen a cow or a live fowl was willing to work for \$50 a month, \$25 of this in advance. He was not employed.

INCOME TAX LAW WILL BE TESTED

Suits Are Started to Ascertain Constitutionality of Act

Washington, March 18.—Suits attacking the constitutionality of the income tax were filed in the district supreme court by John F. and Horace Dodge of Detroit, automobile manufacturers. They contend that the law discriminates against individual and partnership in favor of corporations in the way of surtaxes and in permitting corporations to withhold from taxation such portions of income as may be necessary for the needs and purposes of their business. The latter privilege is not allowed to individuals they say.

While the Dodge brothers appear as the only plaintiffs in the suit today it was generally understood here that case is a test case in which all the immense automobile industry is concerned.

F. A. Baker of Detroit and Thomas S. Hopkins of this city represented the Dodges.

The Dodge bill does not contest the constitutionality of an income tax as such but attacks the provisions of the present law which it is contended discriminates in favor of corporations against individuals and partnerships.

DECREASE IN BEER TAX INCOME ALARMS BAVARIA

Berlin, March 18.—Bavarian statesmen are alarmed over the falling off in revenue from the beer tax. They have made repeated demands in parliament for a heavy tax on beer substitutes to encourage the consumption of the real beverage. Government Counciler Speck, the financial expert of the dominant Centre Party, has proposed a "tax against the evils of thinning beer." The receipts from the tax on malt, he points out, have been steadily falling of late years, owing to the decreasing consumption, but according to Herr Speck and other experts, this stands in no proportion to the temporary falling off in the consumption of beer, but is due rather to the use of less malt per cask in the originally rich and creamy Bavarian brews. His law, it is pointed out, would save the reputation of Munich's famed product, check the growing deficit in the Bavarian budget and help out the Bavarian farmers, who complain of the exceedingly poor market for their barley.

CHICAGO WOMEN REGISTER.

Chicago, Ill., March 18.—Sixty thousand one hundred and nineteen women registered yesterday in preparation for their first chance to use their newly granted suffrage at the aldermanic election April 7. Their registration brought the total women's voting strength up to 218,642, as compared with a total male registration of 474,981. The total registration now is 693,524.

EXPLOSION FATAL TO TWO.

Cleveland, O., March 18.—James Bowman, chief engineer, was killed, George Kilborn, fireman, fatally injured, and two others seriously hurt in an explosion in the Cleveland Brewing company's plant. The compressor head was torn from the engine in the ammonia ice room. Bowman was suffocated by ammonia. The building was partially wrecked.

NEW COLLEGE PRESIDENT.

Greensboro, N. C., March 18.—Interlocking exercises conducted in the presence of a distinguished audience attended today's inauguration of Dr. B. Turrentine as ninth president of the Greensboro College for Women. Governor Craig, Bishop Kilgo and the heads of many well known Southern institutions of learning were among the participants in the programme.

BIRTHDAY OF PRINCESS.

London, March 18.—Today being the birthday anniversary of Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll), who was born at Buckingham Palace, March 18, 1848, the bells of St. George's Chapel, at Windsor, pealed merrily in honor of the event, and the customary royal salute was fired in the Longwalk.

PEOPLE BLAME CAILLAUX FOR WIFE'S CRIME

Excited Populace of Paris Regard Her as Victim of Her Love for Ex-Cabinet Member

HAS BECOME POPULAR HEROINE

Armed Detachments in Streets Add to the Tense Excitement in the City

Paris, March 18.—The appearance of armed detachments of republican guards, supporting the police at every point where there is likelihood of trouble, today added to the tense excitement aroused among various political factions by the assassination of Editor Calmette of the Figaro.

Mme. Caillaux seems to have become a popular heroine. Among the crowds of excited gesticulating people her name is heard constantly. She is talked of as a victim of her love for Caillaux and his instrument in committing the crime.

Crowds have adopted the assertion of Deputy Delahaye, in the chamber last night that "cabinet ministers nowadays send their wives to kill those obstructing their path."

The excitement among the populace is worked upon by the many sensational newspapers among the 139 daily publications in Paris. These exaggerate, invent and hint things, and the paper vendors yell insinuations among the crowds, exciting the people still further.

Mme. Caillaux meanwhile sleeps on a narrow iron bedstead in the prison of St. Lazare. Relays of men sit in the cell with her whether she is asleep or awake.

CONGRESS TO BESTOW HONOR ON GOETHALS.

Special Tribute for Canal Building Provided for in Bill.

Washington, D. C., March 18.—"Major-General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama canal, the greatest piece of engineering work of ages."

This is the title, the reward and tribute Congress is to pay Col. Goethals for having completed successfully the construction of the Panama canal. A bill to this effect was introduced in the House on Monday by Chairman Ray of the House military affairs committee and it will pass without a dissenting vote.

It is provided that with the retirement of Col. Goethals from the United States army or with his death this special honor, rank and grade shall be abolished.

PUT WAGNER'S OPERA, "PARISIAN," UNDER BAN.

Berlin, March 18.—Higher Roman Catholic clergy of Bohemia and Moravia have placed Wagner's opera, "Parisian," under a ban. While bishops from these two countries were holding their recent ecclesiastical congress at Prague, Austria, the National Theatre proposed a gala performance of "Parisian" in honor of the visiting prelates. The latter voted not to accept the invitation on the ground that certain scenes in the opera were immoral and offensive to Roman Catholics.

DISSENSION IN RANKS OF NEW YORK'S UNEMPLOYED.

New York, March 18.—There is dissension in the ranks of the unemployed today. Charges were made that there are grafters among the workless crusaders. Three of the leaders, said to have held back some funds raised for food and shelter, are reported to have fled, fearing death if they remained. Unemployed women are being organized by the Industrial Workers of the World.

BOYS' COURT IN CHICAGO.

Chicago, March 18.—The boys' court, the first of its kind in the world, was opened today. It will deal with boys between 17 and 21. Chicago also has a morals' court for girls and women, a court of domestic relations and a juvenile court.

CALLED HER A "SUFFRAGETTE."

Colgate, March 18.—For calling a woman school principal a "suffragette" the wife of a physician in suburban village was fined for slander.

THE WEATHER.

Cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably snow flurries.

